

Reflection Questions

Doctrine (What does this passage teach us):

Why do the wicked act the way they do?

Reproof (What wrong thinking does this passage expose):

How are we tempted to “correct” the wicked?

Correction (How does this passage fix wrong thinking):

Will the wicked be able to claim ignorance?

Instruction in Righteousness (How does this passage help us to continue):

What are some practical ways we can remind ourselves of the return of the King?

Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Making Disciples for the Glory of God

Order of Service

Call to Worship ~ Psalm 103:1-5

Song #64 ~ Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 7:1-26

Song #242 ~ Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Prayer

Sermon ~ Psalms 14:1-7

Prayer

Lord's Supper

Song #196 ~ His Robes for Mine

Psalm 13:6

I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me.

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Text: Psalm 14:1-7

Theme: Even though the wicked disregard God's rule, the Lord will restore the fortunes of His people.

Introduction: When we look around and see the current state, we are intended to long for the day when Christ rules over all things (7). Even though David was king over Israel when he was compiling these Psalms, he recognized that the return of the King would be the only way to frustrate the plans of the wicked. It would have been easy for David to create laws to suppress the wicked, but instead, David longed for the return of the King.

- I. Even though the wicked disregard God's rule, the Lord will restore the fortunes of His people (1-7).
 - A. The wicked act the way they do because they believe that there is no God (1-3; cf. 10:4).
 1. For the wicked, God does not exist (1). So, their actions simply match their theology.
Application: In reality, when we continue in our sin, we are acting as though God does not exist.
 2. Not only do the wicked do detestable things (1), but there is no one who is good. Paul uses this text to confirm the universal problem of sin (Rom. 3:10-18).
 3. In case anyone of us missed David's point, he reiterates that there is no one who is good (2-3). No one seeks after God. In fact, salvation is a work of God by which He draws us to Himself—salvation is a gift.
Explanation: God looks down from heaven. In a similar fashion, God looked down upon the sin of Sodom before He destroyed it (Gen. 18:16, 21).

B. The wicked knowingly reject the Lord's rule (4-5).

1. David's question is a rhetorical question—they do know (4).

Explanation: When God called Isaiah to be a prophet to the people, God told Isaiah that the people wouldn't hear (Is. 6:8-10). Isaiah responds with the only natural question—how long (Is. 6:11)? God answers, until the cities are destroyed. Essentially, God says that the people will not listen.

Application: Unless God had opened our eyes, we would be no different than the wicked.

2. The wicked casually devour the righteous (4).

Explanation: Eating bread is perhaps the most casual thing a person could do during this time period. Yet, this is exactly how God describes the way the wicked attack the righteous (cf. Micah 3:2-3).

3. The wicked do not call upon the Lord (4).

Explanation: They act as though God does not exist, so why should they call on Him?

4. The wicked will soon find out that the Lord is with the righteous (5-6).

Explanation: Rahab the harlot testified to the spies that the people were afraid because of how God had dried up the Red Sea (Josh. 2:9-11). Although the wicked are currently acting as though they are not afraid, they will one day come face-to-face with God. Then they will fear Him.

C. The Lord will restore the fortunes of His people (7).

Explanation: Although the text does not explain *how* the Lord restores the fortunes, it does tell us *when* He does it. He restores the fortunes when He returns to Zion to rule over His people.

Conclusion: Instead of trying to cause wicked people to live righteously, David longs for the return of the King.